

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-28, 31-57 and 58-96 are pending in the application, with claims 59-96 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8-9, 29-30 and 58 have been canceled.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 12-24 and 36-57 are allowed. Applicants further acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that dependent claims 9-10 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the present Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features recited in dependent claim 9. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to properly depend from independent claim 1 rather than previous dependent claim 9. Independent claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the features recited in dependent claim 30. Claims 29 and 30 have been canceled. In view of the Examiner's indication that claims 9 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is submitted that amended claims 1 and 25, and the claims that depend therefrom, are patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that claims 1-7, 10-28 and 31-57 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in connection with this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (412) 263-4362 to discuss such matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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